



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
2000 NAVY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO
22 Sep 03

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The President, under the provisions of Section 601, Title 10, United States Code, has submitted to the Senate the nomination of Rear Admiral David C. Nichols, Jr., United States Navy, for appointment to the grade of vice admiral.

Rear Admiral Nichols is presently serving as Commander, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center. He will be assigned as Commander, United States Naval Forces, Central Command and Commander, FIFTH Fleet. He is 53 years of age.

This action will not result in the Navy exceeding the number of authorized three-star positions.

For the information of the Committee, I am enclosing a career resume on Rear Admiral Nichols which includes a summary of his joint duty assignments.

Most respectfully,

R. S. ERSKINE

Special Assistant for Navy Flag
Officer Management and Distribution

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515



**TRANSCRIPT OF NAVAL SERVICE FOR
REAR ADMIRAL DAVID CHARLES NICHOLS, JR.
U.S. NAVY**

24 JUL 1950 Born in Knoxville, Tennessee
07 SEP 1973 Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve to rank from
6 June 1973
12 SEP 1973 Reported for active duty
06 JUN 1975 Lieutenant (junior grade)
01 JUN 1977 Lieutenant
16 SEP 1977 Augmented in the U.S. Navy
01 SEP 1982 Lieutenant Commander
01 OCT 1987 Commander
01 OCT 1993 Captain
MAY 1998 Designated Rear Admiral (lower half) while
serving in billets commensurate with that
grade
01 OCT 1998 Rear Admiral (lower half)
JUN 2000 Designated Rear Admiral while serving in
billets commensurate with that grade
01 SEP 2001 Rear Admiral, Service continuous to date



<u>ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Naval Air Basic Training Command, NAS, Pensacola, FL (DUINS)	SEP 1973	OCT 1973
Training Squadron TEN (DUINS)	OCT 1973	JUN 1974
Training Squadron EIGHT SIX (DUINS)	JUN 1974	JUL 1974
Training Squadron ONE TWO EIGHT (DUINS)	JUL 1974	JUN 1975
Attack Squadron ONE FOUR FIVE (Bombardier/ Navigator)	JUN 1975	AUG 1975
Attack Squadron ONE FOUR FIVE (Aviation Equipment Branch Officer)	SEP 1975	NOV 1977
Air Test and Evaluation Detachment Squadron FIVE (Line Division Officer)	DEC 1977	APR 1981
Attack Squadron ONE TWO EIGHT (DUINS)	JUN 1981	JUL 1981
Attack Squadron ONE SIX FIVE (Operations Officer)	JUL 1981	JUL 1984
Naval Strike Warfare Center, Fallon, NV (Tactics Department Head)	AUG 1984	AUG 1986
Principal Assistant to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Tactical Programs	AUG 1986	JUL 1987

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<u>ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES (CONT'D)</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Commander, Medium Attack Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Attack Readiness Officer)	JUL 1987	JUL 1988
XO, Attack Squadron ONE NINE SIX	AUG 1988	FEB 1990
CO, Attack Squadron ONE NINE SIX	FEB 1990	MAY 1991
Naval War College, Newport (Student)	AUG 1991	JUN 1992
Deputy Commander, Air Wing TWO	JUN 1992	JUL 1994
Commander, Air Wing TWO	JUL 1994	SEP 1995
CO, Naval Strike Warfare Center, Fallon, NV	SEP 1995	JUL 1996
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command (Executive Assistant)	JUL 1996	JUN 1998
Commander, U.S. Central Command (Deputy Director for Operations, J3)	JUN 1998	JUL 2000
Commander, Carrier Group ONE	JUL 2000	MAY 2002
Commander, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center	MAY 2002	TO DATE

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Defense Superior Service Medal	Navy and Marine Corps Commendation
Legion of Merit with one Gold Star	Medal with one Gold Star
Air Medal (First Strike/ Flight Award)	National Defense Service Medal with two
Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars	Bronze Stars

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

BS (Psychology) University of Tennessee, 1973
MS (Foreign Affairs) Naval War College, Newport, 1992
Designated Naval Flight Officer, 12 July 1974
Language Qualification: Spanish (Knowledge)

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PERSONAL DATA

Wife: Rhonda Denise Payton Nichols of Chattanooga, Tennessee
Children: David Charles Nichols, III (Son)
Born: 19 October 1976
Daniel Nathan Nichols (Son)
Born: 27 November 1980

SUMMARY OF JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command (Executive Assistant)	JUL 96 – JUN 98	CAPT/ RDML
Commander, U.S. Central Command (Deputy Director for Operations, J3)	JUN 98 – JUL 00	RDML